



CINCO DE MAYO
House Resolution 230
May 4, 2009

Madame Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 230, introduced by my colleague and friend Mr. Baca, which recognizes the historical significance of Cinco de Mayo. For the people of Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is an important symbol of freedom, liberty and self-determination. In our country, Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the rich history and culture that Mexican-Americans have brought to the United States.

Hispanics are the fastest-growing minority group in the United States. There are 30 Hispanic members of Congress—including many Mexican-Americans—representing constituencies from all around the country.

Tomorrow, millions of Americans will join our neighbors to the south in celebrating Cinco de Mayo. This day serves as an important reminder of Mexico's proud history and of the many contributions that Mexican-Americans have made to this country.

I urge my colleagues to help recognize Cinco de Mayo and to support H. Res. 230.